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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 29 December 2011.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

[There are no noon briefings or press conferences scheduled until Tuesday, 3 January 2012.]

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Programme of work

Since the issuance of the revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/66/3/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

Agenda items 12 (Global road safety crisis), 34 (Prevention of armed conflict) and its sub-item (a) (Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution), 35 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development) and 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan), originally scheduled for Monday, 12 December 2011, will be considered at a later date in the resumed part, to be announced.

The specific meeting focused on development, to be held under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), pursuant to resolution 60/265, has been postponed from Friday, 18 November 2011, to a date in the resumed part, to be announced.

Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be announced in the *Journal* and on the Web site of the General Assembly <www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/66schedule.shtml>, and will be reflected in revised versions of the note by the President of the General Assembly.

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 10 January 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of its Bureau for 2012. The provisional annotated agenda for the organization session is contained in document E/2012/2.

United Nations Children's Fund

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The election of the officers of the Executive Board of UNICEF for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The election will be followed by an informal consultation on the thematic discussion on focus area 3 (HIV/AIDS and children), from 4 to 6 p.m.

The 2012 first regular session will be preceded by an informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the Executive Board on Friday, 27 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but no later than *Friday, 20 January 2012*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2012

The first regular session 2012 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 23 January 2012*.

The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Monday, 16 January 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

According to its decision 2006/14, the Board decided that, prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, on Monday, 9 January 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 9 January 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB);

Thursday, 12 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB);

Monday, 16 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB); and

Thursday, 19 January 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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International expert group meeting on the theme "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 18, to Friday 20 January 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Talei Cama, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail cama@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1295 or 1 (917) 367-5100; fax 1 (917) 367-5102).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

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Introduction to United Nations documentation (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 24 January 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Monday, 30 January 2012.

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (January–April 2012)

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies are pleased to invite delegates to the UNITAR Programme at the Yale School. The Programme is open to all members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information and application, please visit the following Web site: <www.unitar.org/ny/international-law-and-policy/fellowship-at-yale-Environmental-studies>. For additional queries, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Nominations for United Nations Population Award

As stipulated in General Assembly resolution 36/201 of 17 December 1981 (A/RES/36/201) on the United Nations Population Award, Member States are annually requested to nominate an individual or institution that has made "an outstanding contribution to the awareness of population questions or to their solutions" for consideration for the annual Award by the Committee for the United Nations Population Award. The Award currently consists of a monetary prize of US$ 12,500, a gold medallion and a citation and is awarded separately to one individual and one institution, public, private or civil.

The Committee wishes to remind permanent missions that the deadline for submission of nominations for the 2012 Award, which would be awarded in June 2012, is *Saturday, 31 December 2011*.

Questions related to the United Nations Population Award can be directed to the Award secretariat (e-mail populationaward@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5088), or to the office of the Permanent Representative of Egypt, Chair of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award (e-mail egypt@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 503-0300).

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 23 December 2011

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

92nd plenary meeting

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/66/L.32) . . . . . [15]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 15.

The representatives of the Philippines and Pakistan made statements, in the course of which draft resolution A/66/L.32 was introduced.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.32 (resolution 66/226).

The representative of Poland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 15.

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/66/L.33) . . . . . [70 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 70.

The representative of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/66/L.33.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.33 (resolution 66/227).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 70.

Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence: draft resolution (A/66/L.31) . . . . . [71]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 71.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.31 (resolution 66/228).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 71.

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/66/621) . . . . . [115 (g)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 115.

The General Assembly appointed Mr. Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras) as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning 1 January 2012 and expiring 31 December 2016.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 115.

The President made a concluding statement on the work of the General Assembly during the main part of the sixty-sixth session.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

25th meeting

The Chair of the Committee called to order the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.9, which had been coordinated by the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.25, which had been coordinated by the representative of Senegal, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Human resources management . . . . . [139]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.4, which had been coordinated by the representative of Mexico, Rapporteur of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

United Nations common system . . . . . [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.27, which had been coordinated by the representative of Switzerland, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [142]

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.26, which had been coordinated by the representative of Japan, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these items, at this stage.

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [143]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.10, which had been coordinated by the representative of Canada, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian law committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible Genocide and Other Such Violations committee in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.11, which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.12, which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals . . . . . [129]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian law committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible Genocide and Other Such Violations committee in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [144]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.13, which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei . . . . . [147]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.6, which had been coordinated by the representative of Guatemala, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire . . . . . [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.14, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan . . . . . [161]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.15, which had been coordinated by the representative of Panama, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted; without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan . . . . . [162]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.16, which had been coordinated by the representative of the United Arab Emirates, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 . . . . . [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/66/L.17, which had been coordinated by the representative of Hungary, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 . . . . . [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chair of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.5/66/L.7, which contained three draft decisions on statements of programme budget implications, which had been submitted by the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget

The Chair of the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.18, which had been submitted by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.19, which had been coordinated by the representatives of Belgium, Iran (Islamic Republic of), New Zealand (Vice-Chair of the Committee), Nigeria, Spain and the United Arab Emirates (Vice-Chair of the Committee), on behalf of the Chair.

Before consideration of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba (also on behalf of Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) proposed an oral amendment to section IX of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Netherlands requested a recorded vote on the oral amendment proposed by the representative of Cuba.

The representatives of Poland (speaking on behalf of the European Union) and the Sudan made statements.

The representative of Cuba spoke on a point of order.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the oral amendment proposed to section IX of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.19, which was not adopted, by a recorded vote of 71 votes against, 11 votes in favour, with 42 abstentions.

After the vote, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Tunisia.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (also on behalf of Cuba and Nicaragua) then requested a recorded vote on section IX as a whole of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.19.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Sudan.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on section IX as a whole of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.19, which was adopted, by a recorded vote of 119 in favour, 7 votes against, with 8 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.19 as a whole, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Contingency fund: Consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The Chair proposed, and the Committee agreed, to recommend to the General Assembly to note that a balance of $13.76 million remained in the contingency fund.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Appropriations

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.20.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2012-2013

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.21.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2012-2013

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.22.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Capital master plan

The Committee approved draft decision A/C.5/66/L.8, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

Draft report

The Committee approved, without a vote, the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/66/L.23, which had been submitted by the secretariat, on behalf of the Rapporteur (Mexico).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft decision A/C.5/66/L.24, submitted by the Chair.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.5/66/L.24.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

The Chair made a concluding statement.

Concluding statements were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement.

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General Assembly

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Implementation of human rights instruments [69 (a)]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/66/462/Add.1)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/640)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 69.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report (A/66/462/Add.1) (resolution 66/229).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 69.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [69 (c)]

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/66/462/Add.3)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/639)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 69.

By 83 votes to 21, with 39 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 33 of its report (A/66/462/Add.3) (resolution 66/230).

The representative of Myanmar made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 69 and of agenda item 69 as a whole.

Oceans and the law of the sea [76 (a)]

(a) Draft resolution (A/66/L.21)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/641)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 76.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 134 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/66/L.21 (resolution 66/231).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of El Salvador and Turkey.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 76 and of agenda item 76 as a whole.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 129, 131 to 134, 137, 139, 141 to 145, 147, 149, 152, 161 and 162.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/626) [131]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/66/626), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.9 (resolution 66/232).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/642) [137]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/642), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.25 (resolution 66/233).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/627) [139]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/627), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.4 (resolution 66/234).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 139.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/644) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/66/644), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.27 (resolution 66/235).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/643) [132 and 142]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/643), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.26 (resolution 66/236).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 132 and 142.

Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/628) [143]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/628), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.10 (resolution 66/237).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 143.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/629) [144]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/629), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.11 (resolution 66/238).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 144.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/630) [145]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/630), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.12 (resolution 66/239).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 145.

International residual mechanism for criminal tribunals; Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994; Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/631) [129, 144 and 145]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/631), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.13 (resolution 66/240).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 129, 144 and 145.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/632) [147]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/632), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.6 (resolution 66/241).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 147.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/633) [149]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/633), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.14 (resolution 66/242).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 149.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/634) [161]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/634), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.15 (resolution 66/243).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 161.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/635) [162]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/635), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.16 (resolution 66/244).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 162.

Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/636) [133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/66/636), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.17 (resolution 66/245).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/66/636).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/637) [134]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 30 of its report (A/66/637), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.23, as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.18) (resolution 66/246)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.19) Section IX	104	8	27
Draft resolution as a whole (resolution 66/247)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.20) (resolution 66/248)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.21) (resolution 66/249)		Adopted	
Draft resolution V (the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.22) (resolution 66/250)		Adopted	

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 31 of its report (A/66/637), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.8.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Belarus, the Russian Federation and Solomon Islands.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 134.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/638) [132]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/66/638), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/66/L.24.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/584) [152]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/66/584) (resolution 66/251).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 152.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

Programme of work

The General Assembly took note that agenda items 9, 10, 11 (a), 12 to 15, 19 (a), 22 (a), 30 to 33, 34 (a), 35 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a), (b) and (c), 72, 75, 76 (a), 110, 111, 113 (c), 114 (a) and (c), 115 (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j), 116 to 122, 123 (a) and (b), 124, 125, 127 to 159, 160 (a) and (b), and 161 to 165 remained open for consideration during the sixty-sixth session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Geneva, 30 September 1957

Accession: Tajikistan (28 December 2011)[1]

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Accession: Tajikistan (28 December 2011)[1]

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Accession: Tajikistan (28 December 2011)[1]

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. Geneva, 21 October 1982

Accession: Tajikistan (28 December 2011)[1]

Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles. Geneva, 25 June 1998

Accession: Tajikistan (28 December 2011)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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